

# AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS

## FERTILIZER BUYERS.

The attention of purchasers of fertilizers is called to the following facts by E. J. Jenkins, director of the Connecticut Experiment Station.

It is reported that agents of a corporation are endeavoring to secure selling agents in various parts of this state who are to pay the corporation one thousand dollars for this opportunity and who will receive commissions from their sales.

Farmers are offered fertilizers at a price 30 per cent. lower than can be obtained from any other source and to be paid for on the usual terms; but each purchaser, with a part of this 30 per cent. saving in purchase, must buy stock in the corporation in blocks of \$100, receiving therefore 1 share of preferred and 4 of common stock. He pays \$20 or more at once to bind the bargain.

This is a combination of stock jobbing and fertilizer purchasing. The station feels it necessary to call attention to these facts and to remind farmers that there is a large number of brokers and manufacturers of established reputation who have done business in this state for years and from whom fertilizers can be bought at fair and competitive prices without the need of stock speculation in connection with the purchase. It must also be remembered that a purchase of stock makes the holder liable for an assessment to the full value of the stock in case the corporation fails in business.

There is always opportunity to invest

in the stock of fertilizer companies with established business and reputation, if anyone considers it a profitable investment; but to buy fertilizer with a string of stock attached involving serious responsibility is more than unwise—it is foolish.

## SPROUTING SEED POTATOES.

Along toward spring every year potatoes in the darkened cellars begin to sprout, and these long, tender sprouts do much damage to the potatoes for seed. This sprouting can be avoided if the potatoes are taken out and spread thinly in a light place where they will not freeze and permitted to grow as they wish. Strong, short sprouts will show up in a short time, but these will not grow long. They will conserve the strength of the tuber, and when planted the sprouts will start growth much quicker than tubers not thus sprouted.

Last spring a friend of mine out of the tips from the potatoes he bought to eat, leaving some of the potato with them. These tips produced strong sprouts much larger than the sprouts on the remainder of the potato. They were kept for weeks until they were to be planted, and the crop produced was immense for the season and soil. I never saw finer potatoes, and there was an exceptional number to the hill with no small ones. I am convinced that this large tip sprout is the strongest and best sprout that the potato will produce. Then it is the earliest sprout, as you can readily

see by examining any potatoes sprouting in the light. Five or six weeks is as long as the sprouting should continue before the planting for best results, though I believe they will not be much injured by a somewhat longer delay. Cutting the potatoes does not effect them much as far as I can see. I have known good potato-growers to cut all their seed some time before planting, and the person after mentioned used the tip of his potatoes saved them over a long period without any noticeable difference.—Farm Life.

## CHOOSING FARMS.

Many farmers, especially the younger men, in moving from one region to another, make serious errors in selecting farms, not because their judgment is naturally poor but largely because they know only one set of conditions and are not able to weigh accurately all the new factors that must be taken into account, say specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. Here the science of farm management is helpful, in that form the farm management viewpoint the farm is put on a business basis.

In doing this, however, the home side of the question must always be kept in mind. The farm home and the farm business are inseparable. A desirable farm from a business standpoint, is, nevertheless, undesirable if it has no social or community advantages. On the other hand, desirable living conditions are of little or no advantage unless accompanied by a successful farm business.

A farm may have fine buildings, good water supply, excellent roads and other such assets, yet if the soil is rocky, shallow or naturally infertile, so that its productive possibilities are distinctly limited, there will be no adequate income for enjoying the other advantages. Moreover, these physical limitations are enduring, while the needed improvements, such as buildings and roads, can be added as means are provided.

## APPLYING STABLE MANURE.

Nothing equals plenty of stable or yard manure to make a garden plot produce the best crops. Garden specialists mean by this not merely a meager scattering over the surface, but an application about two inches thick. It should be done in the fall to form a protective cover during the winter. If this is done the manure should be turned under early in the spring as possible, but any material too rough to turn under should be piled in a compost heap to rot. Only well-rotted manure should be applied in the spring as a top dressing. After the land has been plowed, scatter the rotted manure over the surface and work it in with the harrow. If the garden is spaded the manure should be worked in with a spading fork or rake.

Large quantities of manure should be used. On a tenth-acre garden, that is, one measuring about 43 1-2 feet by 100 feet, apply from one to two tons—two loads—in the fall. If a truck is used for hauling one load generally will be piled up. If a corresponding amount is piled in the autumn with a 10" sod or soil mixed with it, and worked over once or twice during the winter, it will give a good supply of compost for use as a spring top dressing.

Where this amount of manure is used very little chemical fertilizer is needed. However, manure very often does not have a sufficient quantity of nitrogen. This can be made up by adding commercial fertilizer containing 2 to 3 per cent. nitrogen, 3 to 5 per cent. phosphate, at the rate of 100 pounds on a tenth-acre garden. This also can be spread broadcast, and worked into the soil when the land is being pulverized ready for planting.

**CULTURE OF STRAWBERRY BEDS.** There is little danger in over-cultivating the strawberry bed. Frequent stirring up of the soil hastens decomposition of vegetable matter in the soil and more rapidly makes available the essential plant foods. It also conserves the moisture and helps to keep the rows free from weeds.

**PEACH TREE BORERS.** For the eradication of the destructive peach tree borer the United States Department of Agriculture offers a new treatment, which consists of sprinkling fine crystals of para-dichlorobenzene around the base of the trees and covering slightly with earth. The substance is highly volatile, readily changing to a gas which is heavier than air and settles down through the soil. The gas is an effective destroyer of the pest. The para-dichlorobenzene can be obtained at any drug store and costs about 25 cents a pound. A pound is sufficient for eight or ten trees.

## HANDLING A COLT.

The proper way to deal with a young horse that shies from experience, nervousness or diffidence is to eschew all

violent methods and to resort to cajolery. It should be handled gently and persuasively. If possible, it should be allowed to have a good look at the object at close quarters, or even to smell it.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE IS

EXPLICIT BOTH ON FOREIGN

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of a volunteer committee to inquire into the administration of the bureau of war risk insurance, the federal board for vocational training and other agencies of government in caring for the ex-soldiers, sailors and marines of the world war. This committee promptly reported the chief difficulty to be the imperfect organization of government effort, the same lack of co-ordination which hindered government efficiency in many undertakings less noticed because they carry no threat after the lapse of our national unselfishness. The remarkable limitation of personnel may be combined with economies of administration to life the burdens of excessive output.

The naval programme which has its beginning in what seemed to be the highest of motives, peace and the higher threat after the lapse of our national unselfishness. The remarkable limitation of personnel may be combined with economies of administration to life the burdens of excessive output.

**Reduction of Army.** The war department is reducing the personnel of the army from the maximum provided for by law in 1920, in a subsequent enactment. When further reduction is compatible with national security it may be made. The sanction of congress so that a system of voluntary military training may offer to our young manhood the advantages of physical development, discipline and commitment to service and constitute the army service in return for the training.

## Cannot Sanction Covenant.

Little avail in receding the cause of delay in Europe or our own failure to agree. But there is no longer excuse for uncertainties respecting some phases of our foreign relationship. In the existing league of nations, world-governing with its super powers, this republic will have no part. There can be no reintegration and there will be no betrayal of the people's expression of the American people in the recent election. It is only fair to say to the world in general, and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no sanction in this country.

The aim to associate nations to prevent war, preserve peace, and promote civilization our people most cordially applauded. We yearned for this new forum of peace, but we can have no part in a commitment to an agency of force in unknown contingencies; we can recognize no super-authority.

Manifestly the highest purpose of the league of nations is to be in line with the treaty of peace and making it the enforcing agency of the victors of the war. International associations for permanent peace must be conceived, advised and administered in justice, unassociated with the passions of yesterday, and not so constituted as to attempt the dual functions of a political instrument of the congress and of an agency of peace. There can be no prosperity for the fundamental purposes sought to be achieved by any such association so long as it is an organ of any particular party or committed to the attainment of the special aims of any nation or group of nations.

## Hopes For World Association.

The American aspiration, indeed, the world aspiration, was an association of nations, based upon the application of justice and right, binding us in conference and co-operation for the prevention of war and the promotion of a higher civilization and international fraternity in which all the world might share. In rejecting the league covenant and uttering rejection to the attainment of the special aims of any nation or group of nations, we make no surrender of our own rights and no renunciation to promote peace in which we would most heartily join. We wish it to be conceived in peace and dedicated to peace, and will relinquish no effort to bring the nations of the world into such fellowship, not in the surrender of national sovereignty but in the achievement of peace.

## No Separate Treaties Alone.

"It would be idle to declare for separate treaties of peace with the central powers on the assumption that these alone would be adequate, because the situation is so involved that our peace engagement cannot ignore the old world relationship and the settlements already effected nor is it desirable to do so in preserving our own rights and contracting our future relationships. The wisest course would seem to be the acceptance of our rights and interests as already provided, and to engage under the existing treaty, assuming of course, that this can be satisfactorily accomplished by such explicit reservations and modifications as will secure our absolute freedom from financial commitments and safeguard all our essential interests."

"Neither congress nor the people need my assurance that a request to negotiate needed treaties of peace be as superfluous and unnecessary as it is technically ineffective, and I know to my own heart there is none who would wish to embarrass the executive in the performance of his duty when we all are eager to turn disappointment and delay into gratifying accomplishment."

## Our Rights Must Be Maintained.

The weakness at home and the disappointment of the world have been compensated in the proof that this republic will surrender none of the heritage of nationality, but our rights in international relationship have to be asserted; they require establishment in the compact of amity; our part in readjustment and restoration cannot be ignored and must be defined.

"With the super-governing league definitely rejected and with the world so informed, and with the status of peace proclaimed at home, we may proceed to negotiate the conventional relationships no essential to the recognition of the rights everywhere of our own nation and play our full part in joining the peoples of the world in the pursuit of peace once more. Our obligations in effecting European tranquility, because of war involvement, are not less compelling than our part in the war itself. This restoration must be wrought before the human procession can go onward again. We can be helpful because we are moved by no hatreds and harbor no fears. Helpfulness does not mean entanglement and participation in economic adjustments does not mean sponsorship for treaty commitments which do not concern us and in which we will have no part."

## Advice of the Senate is Sought.

"In an appealing wish to do the most and best for our republic and maintain its high place among nations and at the same time make the fullest offering of justice to them, I shall invite in the most practical way the advice of the senate, after acquainting it with all the conditions to be met and obligations to be discharged along with our rights to be safeguarded. Prudence in making the program and confident co-operation in making it effective cannot lead us far astray."

## We Can Render no Effective Service.

"More, no helpful society of nations can be founded on a basis of commitment to peace until the covenant re-establishing peace are sealed by the nations which were at war. To such an accomplishment—to the complete re-establishment of peace and its contracted relationships, to the realization of our aspirations for nations associated for world helpfulness without world government, for world stability on which humanity

hopes are founded, we shall address ourselves, fully mindful of the high privilege and the paramount duty of the United States in this critical period of the world.

## PLAINFIELD

The Sewing class had its last meeting of the winter season in the day nursery Monday night. The meeting turned out to be a surprise party in honor of the teacher, Mrs. D. J. Hayes, who was presented a black morocco traveling bag by the members of the class in appreciation of her work. The 22 members of the class were present and each were a dress the had made in the class. The dresses were of various colors and styles, but all looked very good to the Bulletin representative. A short entertainment followed the presentation. Miss Murphy and Mrs. Taber danced an Irish jig. Miss Florence Taber danced the Highland fling, and Mrs. D. J. Hayes told some interesting stories. Social, sandwiches, coffee, ice cream and cake were served by the members of the class. One of the members then told the fortunes of some of the class, while the others played whist. The members decided that as this class had been such a success they would reorganize in the fall. The committee in charge was Margaret Coffey, L. Bergeron, Mrs. Harold Mercer, Mrs. James Green, Helen Ashley, Mrs. Daniel Connelley, Miss Jane Welch and Miss Murphy.

The Methuselahs easily walked away with the second game in their series with the Service Dept. Monday. At the end of the first half they had caged 18 points to their opponents' none. The addition of Driscoll to the Methuselahs strengthened their lineup considerably. The summary:

**Methuselahs.** Service Dept. Murphy ..... R. F. Lamotte ..... L. F. West ..... Vincent Lee ..... Jarvis R. G. Paine ..... Colburn

**Score, Methuselahs 31, Service Dept. 10; goals, Murphy 5, Lamotte 2, West 2, Marriott 2, Lafreniere 2, Vincent 1; goals from foul, Paine 1; referee, Dawley.** The Methuselahs started a series with the Mule Rooms this week.

In the basketball league series at the Community house the Tigers easily defeated the Giants 20-13. The Giants were without the services of two of their strong men, and the addition of the three brothers to the Tiger lineup certainly strengthened them. The summary:

**Giants.** Tigers. Dawley ..... Pechio F. Vincent ..... Hill L. F. Cooper ..... Bergeron L. Vincent ..... H. Dodge Jarvis ..... W. Dodge L. G.

**Score, Tigers 20, Giants 13; goals, Dawley 1, F. Vincent 2, Cooper 1, L. Vincent 1, Jarvis 1, Pechio 1, Hill 2, Dodge 2; goal from foul, Cooper 1; referee, Lafreniere.**

George Munyon and Ralph Crocker spent the weekend at Cape Cod. Horace Cleveland, local railroad man, and Miss Marie Beauregard of Monop were married Monday and were last seen going in the direction of Providence.

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**LEGAL NOTICE**  
This is to warn all Teachers of the Town of Ledyard that I have a warrant to collect a tax of 22 mills on all lands property in Ledyard, and also the personal tax.

For the purpose of collecting said tax I will be at the store of Norman A. Denny at Ledyard on Wednesday, April 20, 1921, from 10 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon. At the store of Mrs. Norman A. Denny from 12:30 until 1 p. m.; of John Davis at Ledyard, on Thursday, April 21st, 1921, at the store of George Mansfield from 2 p. m. until 3 p. m.

On Saturday, April 30, 1921, at the Town Clerk's Office from 2 p. m. until 4 p. m.  
This tax must be paid direct to Tax Collector.  
JOHN W. FINEGAN,  
Tax Collector, Town of Ledyard, May 1921.

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### How Much Tobacco Will My Heart Stand

A Question Vital to Every Man Who Smokes or Chews

IT MAY COST A PRECIOUS LIFE TO FIND OUT BY EXPERIMENT.

The heart of every user of tobacco wears a double burden. It does its allotted task and then fights nicotine for supremacy. As long as the heart wins the lives when it loses the heart wins the final victory of nicotine you pass through many stages of decline and decay and suffer many pains. Hearts are like human beings—some are stronger than others, therefore some hearts will stand more tobacco than others, but there is a limit to what any heart can stand. The man who puts this additional strain on his heart a dozen times a day by smoking cigarettes, a pipe or cigars—or chewing tobacco—is taking a madman's chance with health and life to lose and nothing to win but the chance that he may lose them. He is indulging in a costly habit at the expense of precious health. Ask any doctor anywhere, and he will tell you that using tobacco is injurious and that it is far better to quit the habit than to experiment to find how much tobacco your heart will stand without serious results.

But the thought of quitting is unpleasant to most men—even to those who know that tobacco injures them—and to really quit takes more will

### Do YOUR Feet Hurt?

MILLIONS of people suffer from aching feet, not realizing that they have weak or fallen arches, who would find IMMEDIATE RELIEF by wearing a pair of



**Shu-Fix**  
Muscle Making Arch Supports

They quickly stop the pain and strain of weak arches and give permanent relief. No metal. Light, durable sponge-rubber cushions covered with leather. Held in place naturally by the shape of the foot, and changed at will to different shoes. Used and prescribed by thousands of physicians and surgeons.

IF YOUR FEET HURT let us fit you with a pair of these wonderful self-conforming supports. Money cheerfully refunded if you would rather live it than the supports after 10 days trial.

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